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# LIBRARIES

## UPDATE

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### WKU Libraries initiates new Collection Protection Project

The University Libraries is initiating a "Collection Protection Project" which will have as its goal the safeguarding of the valuable resources in Helm-Cravens Library, the Science Library, and the Educational Resources Center. In January 1991, the 3M Library Security System will be installed in each library. This system is similar to those used at the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Vanderbilt University libraries.

The system utilizes an effective detection "gate" system which will provide a much higher degree of protection than our materials now receive.

The exit barrier gate will be installed at the Cravens entrance of the Library and the Helm entrance will be closed. The Helm lobby will then be used as a lounge/study area, giving a large number of students a comfortable place to read and study.

There will be a number of pluses resulting from the new system:

1. As patrons exit, there will not be a search made of backpacks, purses, notebooks, etc., permitting a faster exit from the library as there will no longer be checkers at the exits.
2. The Science Library and the Educational Resources Center will have efficient materials security for the first time.
3. The University Libraries will be saving money on exit security after an initial five-year period.
4. The materials collection budget will be affected positively as we will need fewer dollars to replace lost resources.
5. The new system will help keep resources available for students and faculty.
6. The Collection Protection Project will give University Libraries a state-of-the-art security system and bring us up-to-date with other university libraries.

"We know it's easy for a patron to inadvertently mix up library materials with personal belongings, particularly when he or she is involved in a major research project," says Dr. Michael Binder, Director of University Libraries. "Fortunately, this system will detect materials even when they're placed in briefcases, purses, or backpacks."

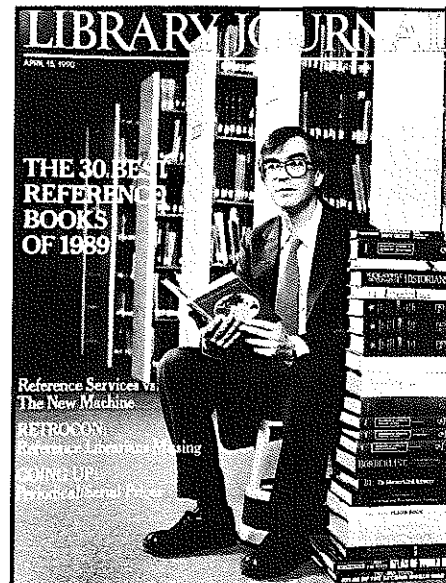
Binder notes that loss of materials is a major expense for libraries everywhere, and losses are greatest among materials that are in heaviest demand—newer materials, classics, and out-of-print books.

"Our library will become a more valuable resource center because we'll be able to devote our efforts to assisting patrons and use our budgets for new acquisitions rather than for replacing lost materials," says Binder.

For additional information on the new security system for our libraries, please contact Dr. Michael Binder, Director of University Libraries.

### LIBRARY JOURNAL FEATURES WKU LIBRARIAN

*Brian Coutts, Coordinator of Collection Development at WKU Libraries, is featured on the cover of a national journal—LIBRARY JOURNAL, April 1990. Coutts was asked to select the 30 "Best Reference Books" for 1989. In his article he also offers advice to librarians and publishers about the quality of reference material.*



# New acquisitions focus on the Middle East

As the world's attention is riveted on the Middle East and particularly on Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, many questions have arisen about the history, geography and politics of the region. Helm-Cravens Library has acquired a number of recent books that shed light on the region.

Colbert Held's Middle East Patterns (Westview, 1989/DS 49.7 .H377) provides a useful geographical introduction to the region. Two recent atlases also describe the geographical patterns. The Cambridge Atlas Of The Middle East And North Africa (Cambridge, 1987/atlas G 2205 .C3 1987) was edited by three British geographers at the University of Durham. As the first comprehensive atlas of the region, it focuses on cultural, demographic, economic, and communication aspects of the Middle East. Also helpful is the Atlas Of The Middle East (Macmillan, 1988/atlas G 2205 .K33 1988).

The most significant general introduction to the region's history, religion and politics is The Cambridge Encyclopedia Of The Middle East And North Africa (Cambridge, 1988/ref DS 44 .C37 1988). This can be updated by The Middle East And North Africa 1990 (Europa, 1990/ref DS 49 .M5 1990) which is an annual guide to the geopolitics and economics of the region and includes a survey of each country with appropriate statistical charts.

Although there are many useful histories of the region, a number of recent library acquisitions should be noted. These include David Fromkin's A Peace To End All Peace: Creating the Middle East, 1914-1922 (Henry Holt, 1989/DS 63.2 .G7 F76), an entertaining survey of the political maneuverings that went into the formation of the Middle East.

Covering the pre-war years is The Great Powers In The Middle East, 1919-1939 (Holmes & Meier, 1988/DS 63 .G75 1988), a collection of articles from a 1982 conference describing the roles of Britain, Germany, France, the Soviet Union and the United States.

In the Atlantic Alliance And The Middle East (Pittsburgh, 1989/DS 63.2 .E8 A86 1989) seven academic and government specialists describe scenarios which might involve NATO forces in the Middle East. None foresaw the recent actions of Iraq. Political Power And The Arab Oil Weapon by Roy Licklider (California, 1988/DS 63.1 .L53 1988) describes the impact of the 1973 oil crisis on the Netherlands, Great Britain, Canada, Japan, and the United States.

For information on Iraq, the best recent work is Reeva Simon's Iraq Between The Two World Wars (Columbia, 1986/DS 79 .S57 1986). She describes how Iraq rejected British liberalism and adopted German militarism. Frederick Axelgard's A New Iraq? The Gulf War And Implications For United States Policy is a short analysis of political consolidation in Iraq and Saddam Hussein's leadership (DS 79 .65 .A94 1988).

For biographical information on Middle Eastern leaders, Bernard Reich's Political Leaders Of The Contemporary Middle East And North Africa includes detailed biographical sketches of more than 70 Middle Eastern leaders (ref DS 61.5 .P65 1990). Patrick Seale has written a lengthy biography of Asad of Syria, The Struggle For The Middle East (California, 1989/DS 98.3 S42 1989x) based on interviews with Asad, his family and members of his government.

Two current periodicals provide excellent coverage of the Middle East. The Middle East Journal (Indiana University) is a quarterly focussing on post WWII Middle East events and issues. The Middle East International is a British biweekly which describes current politics in the region.

## QUEBEC BOOK GRANT

WKU Libraries has been awarded a \$500 Matching Funds Book Grant from the government of the Canadian Province of Quebec through its New York offices at Quebec Government House. The grant will support additional book purchases in the field of French Canadian Studies. The Libraries are currently developing a core collection of resources in French Canadian Literature. The Department of Modern Languages began offering a course in this field for the first time in the fall semester 1990. The course is being taught by Karin Egloff of the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies.

## High Tech

*Electronic Statistical Data has come to Government Services*

We invite you, your colleagues and students to visit our unit and utilize the County and City DataBook on CD-ROM.

This menu-driven data-file permits a researcher to retrieve and print detailed information for the U.S., census regions and desired states, counties and cities of 25,000 or more. Only basic population and per capita income information can be retrieved for places of 2,500 or more.

The data on the microcomputer's CD-ROM is the same as that in the print version of the CCDB. But rather than hunting through dozens of pages, now you can zero in on a geographic area in a couple of minutes (or mere seconds with a little practice).

Stop by Government Services on the ground floor of Helm Library and try out the County and City DataBook on CD-ROM.

## THE SUGGESTION BOX

Suggestion boxes are located near the entrances to each of the WKU Libraries. This column features recently received comments, suggestions, or questions with a reply from the University Libraries.

**COMMENT:** Please be open more hours to allow students to use the facilities.

**RESPONSE:** We wish we could be open for more hours! Because our budget limits the number of hours we can open the Libraries, we plan our schedule to be open at times when most students and faculty need to use the Libraries.

**COMMENT:** Provide more of the periodicals for students to use. WKU Libraries should subscribe to much more than they do! I am upset!

**RESPONSE:** Last year we added approximately 200 new serial titles. This year, because of limited funds, we will not be adding any. You are not half as upset as we are!

# Glasgow dream of library becomes reality

The results of a remarkable community effort and months of planning materialized on August 20, 1990, with the opening of the Glasgow Campus Library.

Because of the rapid growth of WKU-Glasgow, the local Business and Professional Women's Club led by Golda Walbert and Ledean Hamilton saw a need for increased library service for the Glasgow students. They began a fund-raising drive in February of 1988. Less than one year later, the Glasgow community had donated \$100,000 to establish a library at WKU-Glasgow.

The Glasgow Campus Library primarily is a reference library designed to support the curriculum offered at WKU-Glasgow. It combines the latest in technology with traditional source material. The library has a direct connection to

TOPCAT, the online public catalog, as well as copies of COMCAT, the microfiche catalog, giving Glasgow students the same access points to the collection as students on the main campus. Two CD-ROM workstations have been installed in Glasgow: Silverplatter ERIC and InfoTrac's Magazine Index, which includes citations to some four hundred periodicals. The Magazine Collection provides full text on microfilm to approximately two-thirds of the periodicals included in the Index. Printed materials include periodical indexes, general reference works, and discipline-specific materials.

Student access to information is provided in several ways. Articles found in the Magazine Collection may be duplicated on site. Requests for materials from Bowling Green are sent by FAX to the Extended

Campus Librarian for processing. Books from WKU Libraries can be mailed to the student's home or delivered by courier to the library. Journal articles also can be mailed to the student's home or sent to the library by courier or FAX.

The Grand Opening of the library was held on September 25, 1990. The event featured WKU President Thomas Meredith and included opening remarks, a ribbon cutting, and a reception with tours, demonstrations, and refreshments. Approximately 200 people attended the celebration.

If the first month of operation is an indicator, the Glasgow Campus Library is a resounding success. As of September 23, over 1200 students have used the library and most requests have not been beyond the resources available locally.



**Leisure Reading Collection**

Recent additions to the Leisure Reading Collection include:

Jean Auel ..... The Plains Of Passage  
 Ann Edwards ..... Royal Sisters  
 Nadine Gordimer ..... My Son's Story  
 Lewis Grizzard ..... If Ever I Get Back To Georgia  
 Jon Hassler ..... North of Hope  
 Barbara Mandrell Get To The Heart  
 Jill McCorkle ..... Ferris Beach  
 Victor Ostrovsky ..... By Way of Deception  
 Alfred Nielson ... The Summer Of The Paymaster  
 H.G. Bissinger ..... Friday Night Lights  
 Jackie Collins ..... Lady Boss  
 Elliot Wigginton . A Foxfire Christmas

**Reception to honor faculty authors**

On Thursday, January 24, 1991, WKU Libraries will host a reception to honor Western's faculty who have published during the past year. The fourth annual WKU Faculty Author's Reception will be held in the Lobby of Helm Library from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

This event provides an opportunity for University Libraries to honor faculty who have published books and/or articles in 1990 and for the University community to congratulate their colleagues and view their scholarly publications. Friends of WKU Libraries are also invited to this event.

During the reception, Dr. Michael Binder will present the

Faculty Library Award to a faculty member who has consistently and notably contributed to the operation, development and use of WKU Libraries. The award ceremony will begin at 2:30 PM. Previous recipients of the Faculty Library Award are Carol Crowe Carraco, Department of History, in 1988 and Joe Everett Winstead, Department of Biology, in 1989.

All University faculty, staff, and Friends of WKU Libraries are invited to join University Libraries in celebrating the success of WKU faculty authorship.

**From the WKU Libraries Development Office**

The Libraries Development Office was created in October 1989. The focus of the Development Office is to seek funds to help alleviate the financial crunch due to increasing costs for Library materials and services. To help accomplish this objective, President Thomas Meredith has appointed new members to the Kentucky Museum Advisory Council and has established the WKU Libraries Advisory Council. Both Councils are already involved with ideas of how to better present WKU Libraries to the community.

One way we are reaching out to the public is through "Friends" organizations. The Museum Associates has been reorganized to take a more active part in The Kentucky Museum. By the time this newsletter is mailed, the Associates will have had their first Oktoberfest. This will be an annual fundraiser with proceeds going to The Kentucky Museum.

"Friends of WKU Libraries" began in July. Approximately 170 members joined in the first three months. We will have an annual membership drive in June. One benefit of the Friends of WKU Libraries and Museum Associates is an invitation to Library events on campus. A Museum Associate receives free admission to the Kentucky Museum. For membership information call (502) 745-5084.

Please consider giving a membership to one of these organizations as a holiday gift, or you can honor a loved one by having a bookplate permanently inserted in a library book. This donation also includes the donor as a Friend of WKU Libraries.

WKU Library Advisory Council Members: Executive Committee—Golda Walbert (Chair); Jim Phillips, Ken Wallace, Yoichiro Yagi; Members—Robert Aldridge; Gene Cantrell; Ledean Hamilton; Heidi Huddleston;

Pat Kafoglis; Linda Thomas; Steve Wheeler; Will Ardrey.

Kentucky Museum Advisory Council Members: Chair—Ray Buckberry; Vice-Chair—Gail Martin; Secretary—Babs Schnoes; Treasurer—Sallye Clark; Members—Top Orendorf; Charles English; Lucinda Anderson; Sam Houston Watkins; Henry Hardin; Regina Newell; Neal Ransdell; George Street Boone; David Garvin; Martha Haynes; Julius Rather; Billie Dickinson; Julia Neal (honorary).



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## Carter Congressional Collection opening planned

The official opening of the Carter Congressional Collection will be observed on November 27, 1990, at the Kentucky Building of the campus of Western Kentucky University. A reception is scheduled from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM, with a program arranged for 3:00 PM. Mrs. Kathleen Carter, Representative Carter's widow, as well as other family members and friends, plan to be in attendance.

Tim Lee Carter was born in Tompkinsville, Monroe County, KY, in 1910. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1934 and from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis in 1937. Following forty-two months of service in World War II, Dr. Carter returned to resume his private practice in Tompkinsville. In 1964, as a member of the Republican Party, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Fifth District. He served in this capacity until his voluntary retirement in 1980. He and Kathleen then returned to Tompkinsville where he had a limited medical practice and attempted to find time to enjoy retirement until his death in 1987.

Dr. Carter's papers documenting his sixteen years of congressional life were donated to WKU in the spring of 1981. Most of the correspondence reflects personal, political, and

legislative matters. General office and agency files, newsclippings, photographs, campaign radio tapes and scripts are also included in the collection. The papers are housed in the Manuscripts area of the Department of the Library Special Collections located in the Kentucky Building. Manuscripts collections are described by the number of boxes they occupy on the shelves. This collection consists of 934 boxes which translates into 386 linear feet. It is our largest single collection, comprising about one-fifth of our total holdings. A guide describing the contents of each folder in each box will be available to assist researchers in using these papers for their research projects and purposes.

Since 1981, many graduate and undergraduate students have spent

innumerable hours placing the collection in an archivally safe environment. Some of the tasks involved in accomplishing this feat were: removing all staples and paper clips and replacing them with rust-proof ones; using a special acid free paper for photocopying the newspaper clippings; putting photographs into special mylar sleeves; organizing the materials chronologically in each folder; transferring the materials from acid folders to acid free ones and writing pertinent data about each folder's contents on its tab; and then placing the folders into acid free archival boxes. The boxes are then stored in an area that is temperature and humidity controlled, providing the best known environment for housing original documents.

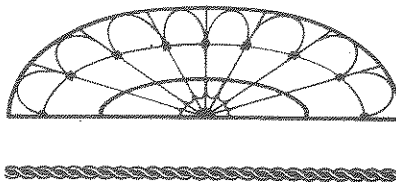
### CREATIVE IDEAS

*Dave Harper of Benjamin's Jewelry Store in Glasgow has come up with a unique idea for helping the Glasgow Campus Library. For every watch battery that Dave replaces, he puts aside a quarter for the Glasgow Library. That may not seem like it would accumulate too much, but you would be surprised. At the Grand Opening of the Library, Dave gave Bonna Boettcher, Glasgow Campus Librarian, a check for \$90. That was his fourth check this year...all from a little watch battery replacement. Thanks Dave, we appreciate your great idea and hope you get a lot of customers.*

## "A Change of Style" at Kentucky Museum

"Where are the horse hair sofas that used to be on display?" Visitors who first saw the Museum between the 1940's and the 1960's frequently ask this question. The staff's answer to this is exhibit, **A CHANGE OF STYLE: FURNITURE FROM THE KENTUCKY MUSEUM**. Opening on November 15th, the exhibit is the final event of the yearlong celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of The Kentucky Building.

**A CHANGE OF STYLE** is a representative sampling of furniture from the museum collection. The exhibit includes thirty-six full scale and ten miniature pieces. The pieces chosen are styles popular between 1740 and 1965 and many are from



Kentucky homes. Featured selections include a Queen Anne highboy made in Massachusetts, ca. 1740; a sewing table, ca. 1850, reportedly used by Shaker sister Angeline Perryman; and a Dogpatch rocker made by the "King" of Kentucky chairmakers, Chester Cornett in 1965.

Even though these artifacts are from The Kentucky Museum collection, they require special cleaning,

repairs, and skilled handling by trained professionals. Acquiring and maintaining collections and preparing exhibits happen only through attention to details and financial support. The Kentucky Museum is proud to present **A CHANGE OF STYLE: FURNITURE FROM THE KENTUCKY MUSEUM**. This exhibit is funded by Bowling Green Bank and The Birthing Center of Greenview Hospital. We greatly appreciate their support.

**A CHANGE OF STYLE** will be on display at the Kentucky Museum November 15, 1990 – November 14, 1991. A pre-exhibit reception is open to the public on November 14 at 7:00 PM.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS IN THE WKU LIBRARIES

**African-American Artists 1880-1987**  
*Selections from the Evans-Tibbs Collection. Guy McElroy, Richard Powell, & Sharon Patton, eds. University of Washington Press, 1989.*

Describes the struggle of black artists for recognition over the past 100 years with 68 color illustrations of prints and paintings. Cravens N 6538 .N5 M35 1989

**Assertive Discipline Teacher Kit.**  
*Cassette, tapes, textbook, guides.*

Lee Canter's complete classroom management kit designed to aid elementary and secondary teachers in creating and maintaining an educational environment in the classroom. Ed Center Kit Room XK 1691

**Heritage Of Music.**

*Ed. by Michael Raeburn and Alan Kendall. 4 vols. Oxford University Press, 1989.*

An encyclopedic history of Western music from its beginnings to the present. Each volume contains 525 illustrations with a text written by 55 distinguished scholars from North America and Europe. Cravens ML 160 .H527 1989

**Honorable Justice. The Life Of Oliver Wendell Holmes.**

*By Sheldon Novick. Little, Brown & Co., 1989.*

A very readable account of the public and private life of the Supreme Court Justice. Novick traces his life from a Civil War Officer to a shaper of American law. Cravens KF 8745 .H6 N69 1989.

**The Noose Of Laurels. Robert E. Peary And The Race To The North Pole.**

*By Wall Herbert. Atheneum, 1989.*

Reopens the long debate about who was the first to reach the North Pole. Herbert is a noted polar explorer who had access to the Peary Archives and support from National Geographic and the Peary family.

Cravens G 635 .P4 H4 1989

**One More Stripe To The Tiger.**

*A selection of Contemporary Chilean Poetry and Fiction. Edited and translated by Sandra Reyes. University of Arkansas Press, 1989.*

A cross section of new Chilean poetry and fiction including well known writers and newer voices. Poetry selections are presented in both English and the original Spanish. Cravens PQ 8044 .054 1989

**Reading In America.**

*Literature and Social History. Ed. by Cathy Davidson. Johns Hopkins University Press, 1989.*

Contributions from twelve scholars who explore subjects ranging from book production and publishing practices to the role books have played in the lives of American women and men, minorities, workers, and immigrants. Cravens Z 1003.2 .R424 1989

**The World Of Mathematics.**

*A Small Library of the Literature of Mathematics from Ah-Mosé the Scribe to Albert Einstein. Presented with Commentaries and Notes by James R. Newman. 4 volumes. Tempus, 1988.*

The New York Times called this anthology the "most amazing anthology about mathematics yet published." Topics range from Arithmetic, Numbers and the Art of Counting to Mathematics in Warfare. Science Library QA 3 .W67 1988

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES HOLIDAY HOURS 1990-91

### Helm-Cravens Library

Close Wed., Nov. 21, at 4:00 p.m.

Closed Thurs., Nov. 22, Thanksgiving

Open Fri., Nov. 23, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Open Sat. and Sun., Nov. 24, 25 - Regular Hours

Open Fri., Dec. 7 - Thurs., Dec. 13 until 2:00 a.m. (exam week).

Close Fri., Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sat., Dec. 15 and Sun., Dec. 16

Open Mon., Dec. 17 - Fri., Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Sat., Dec. 22 - Tues., Jan. 1

Open Wed., Jan. 2 - Fri., Jan. 4, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sat., Jan. 5 and Sun., Jan. 6

Open Mon., Jan. 7 - Regular Hours

### Educational Resources Center and Science Library

Close Wed., Nov. 21, at 4:00 p.m.

Closed Thurs., Nov. 22 - Sat., Nov. 24

Open Sun., Nov. 25 - Regular Hours

Closed Sat., Dec. 15 and Sun., Dec. 16

Open Mon., Dec. 17 - Fri., Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Sat., Dec. 22 - Tues., Jan. 1

Open Wed., Jan. 2 - Fri., Jan. 4, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sat., Jan. 5 and Sun., Jan. 6

Open Mon., Jan. 7 - Regular Hours

### Kentucky Library and Museum

Closed Thurs., Nov. 22, Thanksgiving

Open Fri., Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Library and Museum

Open Sat., Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Library and Museum

Open Sun., Nov. 25 (Museum only), 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Regular hours throughout the holiday period.

Close Fri., Dec. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Open Wed., Jan. 2 - Regular Hours.

NOTE: For information on regular hours  
call 745-3951.

### Western Kentucky University Libraries Update

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Publication of *Update* was suspended between volume 3, number 1 (August/September 1989) and volume 3, number 2 (fall 1990). Beginning with volume 3, number 2 (fall 1990) the frequency of *Update* changes from five issues per academic year to two issues (spring and fall) per calendar year.

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